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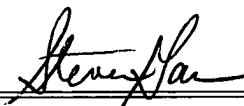
Applicant submits this response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121, mailed December 9, 2005.

The amendment document filed on 23 November 2005 was considered non-compliant because each claim had not been provided with the proper status identifier. In response, applicant has provided the corrected section of the amendment and added such status identifiers to the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims present in this application are patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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